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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC B'ham (137-2089)(P)

DATE: 12-10-75

FROM : SA Donald D. Grogan

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

12-1-75

File #s on which contacted (Use Titles if File #s not available or when CI provides positive information)

44-1740 Murkin

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE☐ STATISTIC

PCI advised that he has info re Martin Luther King assassination. He advised that he does not know if this information is reliable but he first heard this several weeks before King was killed from an individual named Prosch (ph). PCI stated that Prosch showed him a rifle Prosch had in the trunk of his car and told him the gun was to be used in a "big killing." Prosch told him the rifle had come from a marine in B'ham. PCI advised that after the assassination, when Prosch was drinking, Prosch told him that King's

☐ POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT GIVENHas informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? Ac☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact, including information concerning narcotics.

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PERSONAL DATA

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assassination had been set up by King's associates, namely Dr. Abernathy, and that Prosch's job was to obtain the weapon to be used in the murder. Prosch advised PCI that James Earl Ray was only a patsy in the murder. Prosch advised PCI that the man responsible for lining up the killer(s) of King was Frank LaBerto, an underworld figure in New Orleans and a friend of Prosch. LaBerto allegedly received \$265,000 for arranging King's murder, and went to Detroit the day King was killed. PCI advised that LaBerto runs a truck stop in New Orleans named the Lake Pontchartrain restaurant. PCI advised that Dr. Prosch used to spend a lot of time at Gulas restaurant on 78 East and that after James Ray's picture was published in the paper, PCI stated that he recognized Ray as an individual who used to meet Prosch at Gulas Restaurant a couple of weeks before King was murdered. PCI advised that Prosch was a "gun nut," and that he had been federally convicted on a firearms violation.

PCI advised that he had not told anyone about this before because he didn't think any law enforcement agency would touch it.